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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07648.0023-01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**JOHN CAIRNEY and NANFEI XU**

Application No.: 10/651,991

Filed: September 2, 2003

For: DIFFERENTIALLY-EXPRESSED  
CONIFER cDNAs, AND THEIR  
USE IN IMPROVING SOMATIC  
EMBRYOGENESIS

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, the above-identified application filed September 2, 2003 is currently awaiting a response.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 20, 2004

By:

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